

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating communicating hydrocephalus in an animal or a human, comprising administering intraventricularly a pharmaceutical composition comprising human recombinant hepatocyte growth factor-~~(HGF)~~ (hrHGF) to an animal or human in need thereof.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is at least one selected from the group consisting of a carrier material, diluent, excipient, wetting agent, buffering agent, suspending agent, lubricating agent, adjuvant, vehicle, and material for delivery system.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a carrier material for administering the HGF into a route of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).